

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Monday, August 21, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey and via Zoom video conferencing platform.

Call to Order:

The Municipal Clerk reads the notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Mayor Christopher Tamburro, Deputy Mayor Jack McEvoy, Councilwoman Christine McGrath, Councilman Alex Roman and Councilwoman Cynthia Holland are present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco and Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan are also present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tamburro offers his condolences to the DeOld Family on the loss of Anita DeOld. He thanks Public Works and all responsible parties for their work insuring adequate water pressure after a system failure by the Passaic Valley Water Commission and Township Manager Joe D'Arco for his quick response in insuring the water pressure issues were handled appropriately. He reports that the 9/11 remembrance ceremony will take place at the 9/11 Memorial in the Civic Center. A Special Open Public Meeting will be held on Friday, 8/25 to interview potential planners, and Mayor Tamburro encourages the public to join and participate. He also encourages participation in the Tuesday, 8/29 Special Goal Setting Meeting, and concludes wishing all Verona students success in their upcoming school year.

Manager's Report:

Mr. D'Arco thanks Jay Coltre for organizing a very productive meeting with the Engineer. He discusses various items on his agenda including OLL parking lot and the potential of installing a crosswalk, and an emergency alert protocol in the case of an emergency situation. He attended a meeting with the Cedar Grove Manager. PFAS remediation is on schedule, and he will go into more details and items in closed session. Boswell Engineering will be taking on the Zoning Officer duties.

Councilmember's Reports:

Deputy Mayor McEvoy wishes strength to the DeOld family for the tragic passing of Anita and extends his condolences.

Councilman Roman echoes condolences for Anita, Al and family.

Councilwoman McGrath thanks the Township staff for their hard work during the water emergency. She expresses concerns about the current number of staff, and believes it should be improved.

Councilwoman Holland appreciates all the lessons that were learned in regards to the water emergency. She encourages residents to use the pool during the last few weeks of summer, and offers her best wishes to students and staff on their upcoming academic year. She concludes by reminding residents that hurricane season extends into November and to remain vigilant and prepared in case of an emergency.

Public Comment called by the Mayor on any item for discussion.

Chris Ross, Verona, New Jersey  
Jean Stoloff, Verona, New Jersey

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-37**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 140, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VI  
SPECIAL ZONES AND AREAS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
VERONA, TO REGULATE PARKING AT 208 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE  
(EVERETT FIELD)**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-37 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-37 is moved by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland.

Public Hearing:

None.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance No. 2023-37 passes 5-0 and will be published according to law.

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-38**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,000 FROM THE GENERAL  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ELEVATOR  
LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
VERONA, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

The Municipal Clerk reads Ordinance No. 2023-38 by title into record.

Motion to move Ordinance No. 2023-38 is moved by Deputy Mayor McEvoy; seconded by Councilman Roman.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro**

**NAYS:**

Ordinance 2023-38 will be published according to law and a public hearing will be held on September 11, 2023.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda:

None.

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-157**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Roman that the following resolution be adopted:

**AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE CY2022 MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A  
SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF THE 2023-2024  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (the "Director") may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Verona has received \$16,921.26 from the County of Essex in

the form of the 2023-2024 Municipal Alliance Grant and wishes to amend its CY2023 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2023 Municipal Budget in the sum of \$16,921.26 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:  
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of  
Director of Local Government Services -  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
2023-2024 Municipal Alliance Grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the CY2022 Municipal Budget in the like sum of \$4,230.32 appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
2023-2024 Municipal Alliance Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-158**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Holland; seconded by Councilman Roman that the following resolution be adopted:

**PERMITTING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

1. Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (5)*
2. Pending, Ongoing, or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)*
3. Personnel Matters pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (8)*

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

**NAYS:**

New Business:

Brian Aloia speaks on property specifics on the South Side of Bloomfield Avenue formally known as Verona Aluminum and Council discusses. Mayor Tamburro discusses the upcoming Special Meeting where the governing body will be discussion goal setting for the 2023/2024 year.

Public Comment:

Chris Reilly, Verona, New Jersey

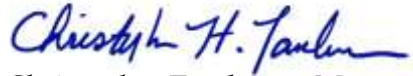
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. is moved by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy.

Adjournment:

Council returns from Executive Session at 10:32 p.m. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m. is made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy. Vote: 5 ayes. The next meeting is September 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

  
Christopher Tamburro, Mayor

APPROVED: September 11, 2023